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UKHCDO GUIDELINES

1. Mr Spellman's minute of 4 October refers. For those not at present fully in the picture Dr Winyard wishes us to make it clear to the NHS that the Department does not endorse the latest UKHCDO guidelines on the treatment of haemophilia. I attach a draft message for any comments anybody may have. It would be helpful to have these as soon as possible.
2. Timing is not wonderful from the Department's point of view, as haemophiliacs, having seen their claim for compensation for infection with hepatitis C turned down, will rightly see this as the Department not only refusing to earmark resources for recombinant Factor VIII (which they know about), but also rejecting advice from the doctors who treat them. Nonetheless, the haemophilia centre directors must not be allowed to spread unchallenged what amounts, on the most charitable interpretation of the text, to a misleading statement, and on most people's reading to an untruth.
3. I also attach a draft letter for Dr Winyard to send to the Chairman of the UKHCDO. I think this is necessary, both out of courtesy if we are sending something round on EPINET, and also because, since they unreasonably refused Dr Rejman's oral request, that request should be backed up in writing. I suggest Dr Winyard as the signatory as being head of the directorate responsible for approving clinical guidelines.
4. It would be useful to know whether the other Health Departments are contemplating similar action.

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